

Comprehensive Plan Community Engagement Ward 4 Meeting Summary

Overview

On Tuesday, November 19, the Office of Planning (OP) hosted its fifth of eight community meetings planned for the fall of 2019, coordinated in partnership with LINK Strategic Partners (LINK). The purpose of this series of meetings is to present an overview of the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update, including the major themes and any area elements specific to the meeting location. The meetings also intend to share an overview of the community engagement process to date and close the loop on feedback collected from District stakeholders thus far. The central question posed to attendees during the discussion period following an overview presentation is, “What would you like OP to share with your Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)?”

Location and Attendance

The meeting took place at Roosevelt High School located in the Petworth Neighborhood within Ward 4. The event was held in the cafeteria, and the large space provided for central theater-style seating surrounded by each of the five Gallery Walk stations. Representatives from the DC Census and the Department of Housing and Community Development were also tabling on site. The meeting sign-in sheet registered 44 attendees. Of those 44, one identified as a resident of ANC 4A, five identified as residents of ANC 4B, four identified as residents of ANC 4C, two identified as residents of Ward 4, one identified as a resident of Ward 3, and one identified as a resident of Ward 7. The other registered attendees did not identify their ANC or Ward of residence.

Run of Show

ANC 4D Chairperson Renee L. Bowser provided greetings to attendees, demonstrating a depth of understanding of the Comprehensive Plan and a commitment to facilitate feedback from constituents. LINK President Michael Akin acknowledged representatives of the Executive Office of the Mayor, staff from DC Councilmembers’ offices, and additional ANC Commissioners in attendance. OP Director Andrew Trueblood provided welcome remarks and introduced OP Deputy Director Anita Cozart, who presented a thorough update on the Comprehensive Plan. Akin facilitated a 10-minute question and answer (Q&A) session and directed attendees to join OP and LINK staff for discussion at the Gallery Walk stations.



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Major Themes and Key Takeaways from Feedback

- Several attendees voiced their interest in increased density within neighborhoods of Ward 4, specifically around transit hubs and through multi-family housing.
- Many attendees wanted a greater understanding of how the Comprehensive Plan intersects with the process of zoning changes.
- As in other community meetings, attendees expressed an interest in housing, including affordable options and an equitable approach to developing new housing.
- A number of attendees had questions about the amendment process and public review period, seeking clarity on how they could best provide feedback in the coming months.

